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<u>UTILITY PATENT</u> APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed for filing is an [X] original patent application or, [] a continuation-in-part patent application, by inventor(s) <u>Kevin D. MacLean, Roger W. Sturgeon</u>, entitled <u>METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IDENTIFYING AN IDENTICAL CELL IN AN IC LAYOUT WITH AN EXISTING SOLUTION</u>.

No. of pages in Application: 23; No. of Claims: 27.

No. of Sheets of Drawings: Formal: 8, Informal: 0.

Also enclosed are:

- [] a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and/or 365 in
 [] a separate document [] the declaration;
 [] a certified copy of the priority document;
 [] an Associate Power of Attorney;
 [] ___ verified statement(s) claiming small entity status;
 [x] a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors(s) in duplicate;
 [] a signed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney of the inventors will follow;
 [x] an Assignment document in duplicate and form PTO-1595;
- [] a Power of Attorney by Assignee; and
- [] Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO-1449.

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CLAIMS					
	NO. OF CLAIMS		EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Basic Application Fee					\$740.00
Total Claims	27	MINUS 20	7	\$18.00=	\$126.00
Independent Claims	6	MINUS 3 =	3	\$84.00=	\$252.00
If multiple dependent claims are presented, add \$260.00					0
Total Application Fee					\$1,118.00
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